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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apples made better prices on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, March 18, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Supplies of barreled apples were moderate and met with an active inquiry. The market is under supplied with barreled red dessert varieties. More York Imperials could also be sold if they were available. This variety was scarce this week. U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch Pennsylvania Yorks sold at about \$9.73 per barrel. Some New York Baldwins are arriving overripe and with a slight amount of decay. A large amount of scald is also in evidence among the Baldwins but those packed in shredded oiled paper are mostly free of scald. The condition of the fruit was generally good with this exception.

Apples packed in baskets were in moderate supply. Most of these consisted of Virginia Albemarle Pippins. The U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch size of this variety made \$2.68 to \$2.80 and the Unclassified $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch about \$2.43 per basket. Virginia Staymans, Unclassified $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch sold at about \$2.25 per basket. The condition of the fruit was good.

Inquiry continues to improve for boxed stock. Prices were on the whole about the same as last week for the moderate supplies offered. Boxed apples are arriving firm and in good condition. Very few slacks are in evidence.

At London both barrels and boxes made higher prices than last week. London prices also were generally above those ruling at Liverpool. Supplies of barreled apples were light. Inquiry was very brisk. Boxed apples were in moderate supply and met with a good demand. The general condition of the fruit was good with the exception of some lots of Virginia Delicious and Pennsylvania Yorks, the condition of which was only fair. Supplies of basket stock were light. The demand was good. Most of these consisted of Virginia Black Twigs and Delicious. The condition was only fair.

The outlook for American apples continues very favorable, states Mr. Motz. The market for all lines of fruit is showing a better tone and the fruit trade is feeling optimistic and making some profit.

Pear supplies in the United Kingdom are liberal since pears are arriving from the United States, South Africa, Australia and Argentina. The new crop fruits from Australia and Argentina are more attractive to the trade than the older crop. The market outlook is unfavorable for good prices for the balance of the season. Pear prices were lower this week than last at both Liverpool and London.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	: Liverpool :		: London :	
	: 1930 : 1931		: 1931 : 1931	
	March 19	March 11	March 18	March 18
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Albemarle, Pippins, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	8.76-9.25	7.79-8.27	7.91-8.39	9.25- 9.73
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	8.27-8.76	8.27-8.76	9.73-10.22
Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	7.66-8.15	6.81	8.27- 8.76
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.81-7.30	6.33-6.81	7.06	8.27
Winesaps, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	7.91	-	8.15	8.52- 9.00
Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	6.81-7.91	-
York Imperials, Penn.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	9.73	-
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	7.30-7.79	7.30	7.30	-
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....		7.30-8.03	7.30-7.79	-
Comb. U.S. No.1 and Utility 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in:	-	6.57-6.69	7.06-7.54	-
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.				
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	6.57-6.93	7.66	-
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	8.52	8.27-8.52	-
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesaps, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.43	2.92-3.10	2.80-2.92	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.31-2.49	2.68-2.86	2.68-2.86	-
Fancy 150/175.....	2.43	2.80	2.80	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.13-2.37	2.62-2.68	2.62-2.74	2.49- 2.74
Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	4.14	3.10-3.22	2.68-2.92	3.16- 3.28
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	3.53-4.01	2.92-3.10	2.62-2.74	2.92- 3.16
Fancy 150/175.....	3.95-4.14	-	2.80-2.92	2.92- 3.04
Fancy 188/smaller.....	3.59-4.01	-	2.68-2.74	2.80- 3.04
Delicious, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	3.41	3.41-3.53	3.35
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	3.16-3.35	3.10-3.28	3.10
Rome Beauties, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	3.22	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	3.10	-
Staymans, Oregon				
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	2.49	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	2.31-2.49	-
Spitzenbergs, Oregon				
Fancy 150/175.....	-	2.55	2.43-2.55	-
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	a/2.92-3.53	2.49-2.62	2.25-2.43	2.37
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	-	2.43-2.68	2.19-2.31	2.31
Fancy 135/150.....	-	2.19-2.25	2.07-2.19	2.07
Fancy 165/180.....	-	2.25-2.49	2.25	2.07
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Fancy 135/150.....	-	2.92-3.10	2.92	-
Fancy 165/180.....	-	2.86-2.98	2.92	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Grade not given.